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SUBJECT: PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECDEF VISIT TO NORWAY

REF: BELL-LEVINE TELECON MAY 31

1. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AGREED WITHOLD ANNOUNCEMENT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S VISIT TO NORWAY UNTIL JUNE 4.

2. IN EFFORT KEEP ANNOUNCEMENT ROUTINE AND ASSURE SECDEF VISIT RELEASE SEPARATED FROM AIR EXERCISE ANNOUNCEMENT, EMBASSY WILL ADVISE MOD THAT DETAILED ANNOUNCEMENT OF AIR EXERCISE BEING MADE BY DOD AND USAFE.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT MOD PROPOSED RELEASE:

A) THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BEGINS HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO NORWAY ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7. AFTER ARRIVING IN BODO ON FRIDAY NIGHT, THE AMERICAN DEFENSE SECRETARY, JOINED BY HIS NORWEGIAN COLLEAGUE, MR. ALV JACOB FOSTERVOLL, WILL INSPECT AN AMERICAN AIR SQUADRON WHICH AT THE TIME WILL BE CONDUCTING ROUTINE EXERCISES IN NORTH NORWAY.

B) DURING THE OFFICIAL VISIT, WHICH ENDS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9, THE TWO DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL INSPECT DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS
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AND POINTS OF INTEREST IN NORTH NORWAY. A BRIEFING WILL BE

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GIVEN BY THE CHIEF OF DEFENSE, GENERAL H.F. ZEINER-GUNDERSEN.
C) AMONG THE PLACES TO BE VISITED IN ADDITION TO BODO ARE
BARDUFOSS, SORREISA, ANDOYA, BANAK AND KIRKENES.

D) AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT, MADE AT
THE INVITATION OF THE NORWEGIAN DEFENSE MINISTER, THE AMERICAN
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL CONTINUE ON TO BERGEN WHERE HE WILL
TAKE PART IN THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BERGEN ON JUNE 11
AND 12. END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY PLANNING ASK MOD TO DELETE PARA C FOR
SECURITY REASONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DOD CONCURRENCE ON TEXT AND
SUGGESTION FOR RELEASE TIME. CONCURRENCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED
IN LEVINE-BELL TELECON SCHEDULED FOR 1400GMT MONDAY, JUNE 3.
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